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We wanted to write a quick note thanking you for helping make our events in Sun Valley a tremendous success. Between the candidate development program and the forum we had nine governors and 29 candidates attend our events in Idaho. Donors notice this type of commitment and it greatly benefits the RGA over the long term. We have received great feedback from the candidates and RGA members who traveled to Sun Valley.

As part of that initiative, the Republican Governors Public Policy Committee (our 501(c)4) commissioned a project to compile the Best Practices of the Republican Governors and then test it. The RGPPC poll was broken out into four regions, West, Midwest, South, and Northeast. Included is a copy of both the book and poll for your reference. If you have any questions on either please contact Adam Kincaid, RGA's Director of Policy and Research, who led this project. He'll be happy to get you any additional information. He can be reached at [akincaid@rga.org](mailto:akincaid@rga.org) or (202) 662-4146.

You should also know that prior to the Idaho events, RGA held an Executive Roundtable retreat in Aspen, Colorado with Governor Rick Perry, and the two of us. More than 80 ER members attended and the program produced frank and open dialogue between all the participants. We hope you will take the opportunity to attend an ER retreat in the future. The high-dollar, individual donors that comprise the ER program set us apart from the DGA and are our counterweight to all the money that the unions pour into governors' races on behalf of Democrats.

We know you do a lot of work for the RGA, but we wanted to make a few important, specific requests for you to act on this week. If you haven't already done so, please commit your Chief of Staff to our Senior Staff Retreat taking place in Washington, D.C. on September 23-25, and please RSVP for our Annual Conference in Austin, Texas, this November.

Last, I ask you to redouble your effort to recruit five new members for our ER program. We are up to 219 ER members, but need to reach 400 by the end of the year. Governors Lingle and Perdue have already recruited five or more members.

Thank you again for your hard work and commitment to the RGA.

Sincerely,

Governor Haley Barbour  
RGA Chairman

Governor Tim Pawlenty  
RGA Vice Chairman

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